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Dutch Minister of Defense announced several months ago that the Dutch government will be cutting one billion guilders from their budget over a four year span.

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Special Olympics Aruba Foundation is in the midst of major fundraising to send a delegation of athletes to the World Special Olympics Summer Games 2011, held every four years; this year, the ancestral home of all Olympic Games, Greece, is the host country.

The Casino at the Radisson declared their official sponsorship of the Aruba's special athletes by dedicated the month of April to raise the needed funds to send them on their way. Nightly raffles held at 11:00 PM award ticket holders with \$100 in chips, for only a \$5 ticket, and they have placed a donation box in the Players' Area where loose change and chips can be dropped.

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Kadhafi regime accepts African Union peace plan: Zuma

TRIPOLI, Libya (AFP) - The regime of Libya's Moamer Kadhafi has accepted an African Union peace plan designed to end the current conflict, South African President Jacob Zuma said from Tripoli on Sunday.

- A high-ranking African Union delegation arrived in Libya on Sunday to try to broker a truce between Moamer Kadhafi and rebels seeking to oust him, and as air strikes took out 26 loyalist tanks.

The peace mission came as NATO warplanes were in action against Kadhafi's forces in the stricken port city of Misrata and Ajdabiya in the east.

The African mediators were

welcomed to Tripoli by Kadhafi supporters holding the veteran Libyan leader's picture and waving the green flags of his regime.

The presidents of Mauritania, Mali, Congo, South Africa, and the Ugandan foreign minister flew in to Mitiga airport near the capital.

They joined the embattled Kadhafi for a photocall outside the Bedouin tent in his Bab al-Aziziya compound before being driven by minibus to greet a crowd of his supporters some 200 metres (yards) away and then leaving for an undisclosed destination.

The AU team is due in the rebel stronghold of Benghazi, 1,000 kilometres (600 miles) east of Tripoli, later on Sunday in its effort to negotiate a truce in the deadly conflict.

The opposition has already said it rejects any ceasefire that would mean Kadhafi or his sons stay in power.

Earlier, the AU mediators reiterated their appeal for "an immediate end to all hostilities" and proposed a transition period to adopt reforms in the insurrection-hit country.

Libyan rebels have criticised NATO in recent days, accusing the alliance of failing to protect the people of Misrata.

Rebel spokesman Shamsiddin Abdulmolah accused to AFP in Benghazi that Algeria is backing Kadhafi and of "turning a blind eye" to the mercenaries flowing into Libya. The rebels have long accused Kadhafi of using hired guns from Chad and Niger.

An Associated Press photographer, 35-year-old Indian Altaf Qadri, has gone missing near Ajdabiya, AP said on Sunday.

Dutch shooter had already been in trouble over weapons

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AFP) - The Dutch man who shot and killed six people and wounded at least 10 others had already been investigated over his gun use, it emerged Sunday, a day after the massacre.

Investigators said 24-year-old Tristan van der Vlis, who shot himself dead after his rampage in a packed shopping centre, had been the subject of an investigation in 2003.

Police were alerted after he accidentally shot himself in the leg with an air pistol, but a case for possible contravention of the arms and ammunition act was eventually



Flowers and candles and a sign with Why? WHY? are pictured at the scene of a shooting at De Ridderhof shopping mall in Alphen aan den Rijn

dropped, they said.

Van der Vlis was a member

of a shooting club and held a licence to carry five firearms.

Several thousand people gathered Sunday evening for a silent memorial service outside the De Ridderhof mall, where the shootings took place, and where hundreds of wreaths and candles have been left in memory of the victims.

Van der Vlis entered the mall in the town about 40 kilometres (25 miles) southwest of Amsterdam around lunchtime on Saturday, when it was packed with children and their parents.

Witnesses said he opened fire with an automatic firearm on shoppers and merchants, moving methodically.

The municipality said Sunday that the victims were three women aged 45, 68 and 91, and three men of 42, 49 and 80, all residents of Alphen aan den Rijn. The 42-year-old was of Syrian origin.

After his shooting spree, the man then turned a gun on himself, taking the motive for the mass killing with him to the grave.

In a farewell letter to his parents made public overnight, Van der Vlis said he was unhappy and wanted to commit suicide but made no mention of killing others.



LIMA, Peru: Combo of recent pictures of Peruvian presidential candidates, Ollanta Humala (L, top) for Gana Peru party, Alejandro Toledo (R, top), for Alianza Peru Posible party, Keiko Fujimori (L, bottom), daughter of former (now jailed) Peruvian President (1990-2000), Alberto Fujimori, for Fuerza 2011 party, and Pedro Pablo Kuczynski for Alianza Por El Cambio party. Peru will have a new president this week.
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Dutch Marines Aren't Going Anywhere!

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On Friday the government of Aruba received official notification that the Marine Camp here will be exempt from Dutch Defense austerity measures. During his inauguration of the new Press Hall, Prime Minister Eman broke this good news just in from the Netherlands, that the Dutch Marines stationed here will remain intact and will continue its operation on Aruba as it has for many decades now.

He reminded everyone that this decision was the result of much deliberation in different meetings with Dutch officials and the Dutch government on this matter.

Eman reiterated the importance of having a Dutch Marine Base here in this region from a strategic viewpoint. In



Prime Minister Mike Eman

addition, the Prime Minister is convinced that the Dutch base also contributes to our local economy.

Eman could not specify the reason the Dutch government decided to keep the base here, but was delighted that

the decision was a positive one for Aruba. The Prime Minister also remarked that "...the Dutch Marines in Aruba is very important for our security and for combating illegal drug trafficking at sea. Economically Aruba also benefits from the large number of marines and their families who are stationed here."

On Friday, the Dutch Minister of Defense, Hans Hillen, submitted

his austerity budget to the Rutte Cabinet which was also approved. This austerity plan entails that some 12 thousand jobs will be cut. In addition, several Dutch government embassies around the world would be closed along with one Dutch Consulate Bureau.

Cargo Airline gets warm welcome to Aruba



Fast Delivery welcomed "Servientrega" Cargo Airline to Aruba. General Manager of Fast Delivery Aruba, Richard 'Gigi' Helder, indicated that "they as local business owners are continuing to seek and explore new possibilities because they believe in our economy. On Saturday morning the inaugural flight arrived on Aruba with 19.800 Kilos of cargo from Colombia.

Fast Delivery Aruba began their operations back in 2003.

in 2007. Today, they have moved on to also transporting cargo by air. In addition to these services, Fast Delivery represents the world renowned UPS Company.

The agreement with Servientrega entails that there will be weekly flights from Colombia with a maximum of 20.000 kilos of cargo on board. Cargo will vary from dry cargo to cold and whatever other type of cargo. Fast Delivery has orchestrated an agreement with Comercio

At that time they concentrated on the work of "mail delivery services" to clients. Slowly the company continued to grow and later opened other markets such as the transport of cargo by sea

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In the ensuing weeks it is expected that they will increase the number of flights to Aruba to 2 flights per week with the opportunity to increase this even more based on demand. Fast Delivery also has an agreement with a local company to send empty cartons to Colombia for recycling. In this manner the flights will come loaded and then return to Colombia with cargo.

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Announcement of the Department of Public Works



ORANJESTAD – The Department of Public Works (DOW) announces to the general public, businessmen and motorists in particular, that tomorrow, April 11, the road between former DOW building and vacated tax office known as Paardenbaaistraat, will be closed. This in connection with the expansion of the Collector Sewer Phase I works from Oranjestad to the Water Purification Plant at Bubali. The sewage pipe has to cross

underneath the road.

Duration of the work will be approximately 10 days.

Management of the Department of Public Works makes an appeal to all motorists to NOT bypass barriers and use this road when it is closed. The road will stay partially open for

businessmen/clients to reach their destination. The closing of the road will be indicated by traffic signs and barricades

The Department of Public Works also informs that the reconstruction of the L.G. Smith Boulevard between the Renaissance Hotel and ex-DOW is postponed. The work was to begin today, April 11.

The resuming of the reconstruction will be announced at a later date.

DOW apologizes for any inconvenience this may cause.

Caribbean Airlines Limited to cut more workers

KINGSTON, Jamaica – Caribbean Airlines Limited (CAL) plans to make major cuts in the number of former Air Jamaica workers who now service operations in Jamaica, the Gleaner Newspaper reported today.

The paper cited a reliable source who said that workers' contracts end on April 30 and are not being renewed. The source said that some 300 jobs in the information technology and accounting services would be more likely lost in the process.

The rationale is that CAL is centralising its operations in Trinidad and Tobago.

It's reported that reservation agents would be next in line. Employees have already received letters announcing the termination of their con-

tracts.

Sources say the Air Jamaica operations have been bleeding a substantial amount of cash - more than the US\$50 million that Trinidad and Tobago put in last spring.

Meantime, National Worker's Union (NWU) vice president Granville Valentine has expressed disappointment at the pending staff cuts at the airline.

Mr. Valentine said the union had hoped that by re-employing the former air Jamaica workers, the management of the current airline wanted to retain the Air Jamaica expertise in its Jamaican operation.

Mr. Valentine is calling on the government to explain the basis for its 16 per cent share in the current operations of Caribbean Airlines. (CMC)



Mario Goncalves is a winner with the Aruba International Film Festival 2011



winning poster by MARIO GONZALVES



poster contest winner Mario Gonzalves with Minister Hooyboer and AIFF producers Giuseppe and Jonathan.



Five finalists with Minister Hooyboer

An aspect of local community involvement is a driving force for the promoters of the Aruba International Film Festival. Instilling a feeling of pride for what it seeks accomplish and environmental awareness are principles behind their annual poster and video contests. Producers Jonathan Vieira and Giuseppe Cioccarelli both expressed deep satisfaction with the response to this year's poster contest to select the symbol of the AIFF 2011, which was up 300% over last year.

Ten finalists were announced from a submission of over 60 works of art; Giuseppe remarked during the unveiling of the winning poster conducted on Friday, April 8 at the Paseo Herencia Mall, the hub for all AIFF activities, the judges had very difficult time winnowing down the field to ten semi-finalists.

However, ten attractive en-



Christopher Poterson

tries were finally presented to the public on Friday, and their creators were awarded "All Access" passes to the AIFF 2011, which will take place June 10 to 16. From that group, five finalists were announced in "American Idol" fashion by MC Yentl Liew, news anchor of the nightly English news on ATV, and Aruba's Minister of Social and Economic Affairs and Culture, Michelle Hooyboer Winklaar. The five final-

ists were Alex Florenz, Annetiek van Vliet, Christopher Peterson, Oscar Estupian, Vicki Arens and Mario Goncalves. The works of the ten finalists can be viewed on the A I F F website: <http://www.arubafilmmfest.com/Poster.asp> or their Facebook page.

Mario Gonsalves, a young graphic artist very much in demand by a number of local companies, won the 1,000 Aruban florins, (\$571 U.S.) for his uniquely innovative design which will adorn the cover of this year's souvenir magazine and be the background image of the AIFF at international press conferences and all festival events from now on.

Some of those participating that did not make it to the finals will be seen again during the announcement of the winner of the Green Aruba Video Contest, where a winner will take home a Dell Inspiron laptop courtesy of Crown Electronics. Deadline for entries is April 15.

by Rosalie Klein

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Skin RT introduces two new products on Aruba



One of the most effective and affordable lines for skin care—Skin RT “Rescue Therapy”—has added to their already extensive line of age prevention and scar repair products two essential items for island life, a water-resistant SPF 30 Continuous Spray Sunscreen and a 4 in 1 Cleansing Gel.

Juraima Koolman, Sales Supervisor Perfumes & Cosmetics for Aruba Trading Company along with Landa Henriquez welcomed Claudia Arellano of International

Brand Builders, the world distributors of Skin-RT products, which are manufactured in the U.S. to the highest standards and are FDA approved. This line of fine products originally came to Aruba in October of 2009, and has proven very popular due to excellent results and a very reasonable price. During an elegant launch in the Westin Art Gallery in Palm Beach on Wednesday evening, Claudia extolled the virtues of Skin RT’s two newest products.

Skin-RT began with seven products that address the most common problems women face in maintaining beautiful skin and focus on both repairing damage and preventing premature signs of aging.

Corrective Products included Stretch Mark Cream, which promises to fade stretch marks up to 73%. A combination of Darutoside, Allium Cepa and Peptides help to regenerate skin; combined with Argireline, Collagen, elastin, cocoa butter and vitamin E they stimulate cellular renewal and promote a uniform texture. Scar Gel will noticeably reduce the appearance of the new and old scars left from surgeries, burns and acne employing the powerful ingredient Allium Cepa. Bright and Even helps to clear away dark spots caused by hormonal changes and the aging process; contains Synovea HR a more effective and safer lightening product that those used by other products as well as Lumiskin, which improves the natural luminosity of skin. Tired Legs reduces spider veins while stimulating circulation and soothing sore muscles. An innovative peptide

combined with various natural ingredients has been found to be very effective in reducing inflammation. Their new 4 in 1 Cleansing Gel is gentle but oil free, so suitable for all complexions. It promotes cell turnover while toning and hydrating the skin, and is hypoallergenic.

Products to help prevent premature aging include City Block, SPF of 50+, Wrinkle Repair and Skin-RT Eye Cream. City Block is oil-free and suitable for all complexion types, while water resistant—the new 30 SPF Continuous Spray offers a viable alternative to those who have found they may be sensitive to higher SPF ratings; it goes on clear and non-oily, and dries very fast, so it will not stain clothing or bathing suits. Triple Peptides, Hyaluronic Acid and botanical acids are the unique formula that makes Wrinkle Repair an innovative formula for stimulating cellular renewal from inside. Skin-RT Eye Cream is will diminish fine lines and deep wrinkles with peptides Matrixil, Dermaxyl and Argireline, while stimulating cell renewal. It also contains anti-inflamma-



Claudia Arellano of IBB

tory botanical extracts such as Green Tea, Gingo Biloba, and Ginger Calendula.

Aruba Trading Company welcomed an enthusiastic collection of customers for the unveiling of the new products; Skin RT has won a loyal following on Aruba in just 18 months and local distributors report they simply “fly off the shelves.” For more information and pricing, visit their website: www.skin-rt.com

by Rosalie Klein

Sci-Tech

Celebrity tracker 'app' for Android smartphones



pleasantly surprised by how close you are to the celebrity world."

JustSpotted.com launched in October with an online map that pinpoints celebrity whereabouts in real time based on public updates from social networking star Facebook and microblogging service Twitter.

JustSpotted members also contribute sightings.

While branded by some as a potential resource for stalkers, JustSpotted billed itself as "celebrity friendly" and said stars can make deals to use the service to promote their images or messages.

"We have not had any complaints from celebrities," Asver told AFP. "We've actually been approached by people about promoting upcoming films."

He said that a version of JustSpotted tailored for iPhones was undergoing an Apple approval process and was expected to be available in the App Store by the end of the month.

SAN FRANCISCO (AFP) – Startup Scoopler was inviting owners of Android-powered smartphones to install an application that promises to alert them every time a celebrity is sighted nearby.

The free JustSpotted software was available online at the Android Market.

"There is no other application that gives you real-time alerts like this with thousands of spottings on our website every day," Scoopler co-founder AJ Asver told AFP in an email.

"If you are in a metropolitan area, you are going to be

Bing search takes to iPads



SAN FRANCISCO (AFP) – Microsoft has tailored a version of Internet search service Bing for Apple's hot-selling iPad tablet computer.

A free Bing program for iPads available Friday at Apple's online App Store was designed "from the ground up" for touch controls so tablet users can browse online offerings with finger taps or swipes, according to Microsoft.

Bing for iPad also let users search the Internet with spoken queries.

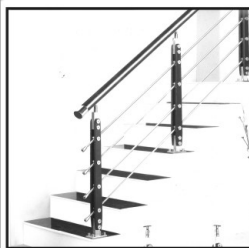
"Not only have we fo-

cused on making the app beautiful and functional, we've also focused on making search easy," the Bing team said in a blog post.

Microsoft has been striving to gain ground on Google, which dominates the Internet search market and has customized applications for iPads that feature voice queries as well as location-sensing capabilities.

Google applications for iPad include search, maps, Gmail, and video-sharing service YouTube.

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Are manned missions a waste of space?

PARIS (AFP) – On Tuesday, the world will be awash with talk of courage and vision as it looks back on 50 years of manned space flight, a trail blazed by Yuri Gagarin's 108-minute trip around the planet.

But what if the past half-century has been just a cosmic waste of money?

Presidents and space agencies insist manned missions will always be at the heart of their space programmes.

An astronaut not only embodies the human quest to explore, they argue. He or she can also act on tuition and think swiftly and creatively in ways impossible for a machine.

Dissidents dismiss this as a craving for prestige, or lobbying by the space industry or astronauts themselves.

Manned space flight, they contend, has sapped funds for robot probes and satellites that unlock more knowledge and practical advantages at a lower price -- and put no one's life at risk.

"People get so excited about manned flight they don't start thinking about what benefit it brings," said Gerard DeGroot, a professor of history at Scotland's University of St. Andrews.

"Aside from the excitement, it doesn't actually affect our lives."

Each day, the International Space Station (ISS) retraces Gagarin's path in low Earth orbit.

At the same time, unheralded scouts are sending home data about the mysteries of Saturn, Mars, Venus, Mercury and the Sun or race to a distant rendezvous with a comet or asteroid.

And at home, an army of satellites give us Internet and cheap phone calls, provide airliners and cars with on-board navigation and shower



First cosmonaut in history Yuri Gagarin, pictured saluting the crowd upon his arrival in London, in July 1961 during an official visit to the UK

scientists with data about weather systems and Earth's environmental health.

"None of these advantages came from manned flight," said DeGroot, author of "Dark Side of the Moon," an iconoclastic account of the Apollo programme.

Contrarians say Apollo starkly showed that sending a human in space was dangerous, requiring a feat of engineering just to keep him alive and get him home safely.

It demonstrated that the Moon was a deeply hostile place and our primitive chemical rockets would never get us to Jupiter, let alone the stars.

And above all, it showed just how astronomically costly manned space flight is.

"One thing that I think no one realised, even as late as

1961, is that human space-flight is enormously expensive. It's something that President Kennedy only realised after his announcement of the Apollo programme in May 1961," said Cathleen Lewis, curator at the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum in Washington.

"The continuing drive to send humans into space remains among human beings, it's beyond question. But finding ways to do it which is not that expensive is very, very difficult."

The ISS, gathering the United States, Russia, Japan, Canada and Europe, carries a price tag of 100 billion dollars, by some estimates.

As for a return to the Moon and venturing on to Mars, politicians may like to sound the rhetoric -- but they are less keen about signing the cheques.

Francis Rocard, a specialist in Solar System exploration at France's National Centre of Space Studies (CNES), says the 25-billion-dollar cost in 1969 terms of Apollo would be around 165 billion dollars today.

"Getting (a human) to Mars would be much more expensive, perhaps 200 or 300 billion (dollars). An unmanned mission, bringing soil samples back to Earth, would be between five and 10 billion," he said.

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Health & Living

Pacific nations battle obesity epidemic

NUKU'ALOFA (AFP) — On Tonga's supermarket shelves, huge cans of corned beef the size of paint tins replaced traditional fare such as fish and coconuts long ago -- contributing to an obesity epidemic that sees the Pacific region ranked as the fattest in the world.

Meat in Tonga almost invariably comes in a tin, whether it be turkey breast, meat loaf, luncheon meat or Spam, which can be bought in a variety of forms including smoked, with chilli or laced with cheese for an extra calorie hit.

The common denominator, Tonga's Chief Medical Officer Malakai Ake says, is that the "junk meat" is loaded with salt and saturated fats, meaning islanders' waistlines continue to expand.

"This is the biggest issue facing Tonga," he told AFP, citing soaring levels of weight-related coronary disease, diabetes and strokes among islanders.

"Every other day there's a funeral, a next-door neighbour, a relative, a friend. It's always

heart disease, diabetes, it's ridiculous."

The Tongan Health Department says more than 90 percent of the total population is classed as overweight and more than 60 percent is obese.

According to World Health Organisation (WHO) data released last year, Pacific island nations account for eight of the top 10 countries where the male population is overweight or obese.

Weight-related diseases are responsible for three-quarters of deaths in the region, Fiji-based WHO nutritionist Temo Waqanivalu said, with diabetes rates in some Pacific nations close to 50 percent.

"It's a problem that health systems are struggling to deal with," he said.

"If you walk into a hospital in any of the Pacific countries, about 75-80 percent of the surgeries are the result of non-communicable diseases linked to obesity."

Experts say economic, cultural and lifestyle factors have combined to make the obesity

epidemic, which is an increasing problem across the globe, more acute in the Pacific.

Ake said the traditional lifestyles, where people kept fit through farming and fishing, gave way to a more sedentary existence in recent years and motor vehicles became more readily available.

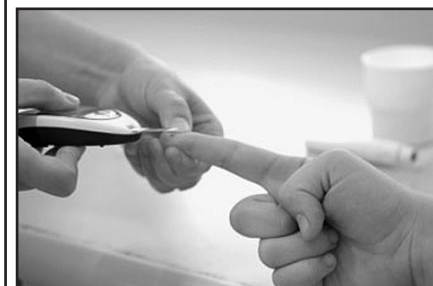
"In my young days we would walk everywhere and go swimming," he said. "Now people use the car to go just a little way down the street."

Traditional diets based around fish and root crops have also fallen out of favour, replaced with fatty foods imported from Western nations that islanders see as more convenient and prestigious.

"They are unable to compete with the glamour and flashiness of imported foods," Waqanivalu said, adding that cash-strapped consumers in the Pacific often had little choice about making poor dietary choices.

"In some countries it's cheaper to buy a fizzy drink than a bottle of water.

Health Tip: Spot Warning Signs of Low Blood Sugar



Hypoglycemia is the medical term for low blood glucose, common among people with diabetes. It can occur even when you're trying hard to manage your blood sugar levels.

The American Dia-

betes Association says while you can't always prevent hypoglycemia, you can take steps to treat it if you know the warning signs:

- Sweating or turning pale.
- Feeling dizzy or shaking.
- Developing a headache.
- Feeling hungry.
- Showing moodiness, or rapid behavior changes.
- Moving awkwardly or clumsily.
- Having a seizure.
- Acting confused, or having problems paying attention.
- Having a tingly feeling around the mouth.
- Difficulty speaking
- Anxiety



CHINA, HONG KONG : Yoga followers take part in a 'Yogathon' event in Hong Kong on April 10, 2011. The eight-hour non-stop event aimed to raise money for the Hong Kong Breast Cancer Foundation (HKBCF) and promote public knowledge of the disease. Yoga is a Hindu spiritual and ascetic discipline, a part of which, including breath control, simple meditation, and the adoption of specific bodily postures, is widely practiced for health and relaxation.

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Tourists from Maryland are all for helping a good cause



stunning handmade candles from Man na Obra were door prizes

Happy winners took home gift certificates for lovely dinners for two, full data-streaming cell phone service, spa treatments and weekend stays, as well as a thrilling luncheon sail on one of Red Sail Sports' beautiful catamarans, and a gorgeous ladies' watch, along with the cash awards provided by PricewaterhouseCoopers Accounting firm.

Door prize winners were pleased to receive stunning elaborate and artistic handmade candles produced by the mentally challenged at the Man na Obra center.

It was a delightfully congenial afternoon for a worthy cause, and Special Olympics Committee President Tuyo Werleman expressed heartfelt gratitude to The Casino and all their sponsors for providing this fund and awareness raising events to help send the athletes on their way of "Going for the Gold in Greece 2011!"

By Rosalie Klein

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Love to the Fullest is an appealing sensual scent, consisting of intoxicating oriental and floral compositions. First whiff reveals sparking top notes with a slightly spicy impression, followed by velvety florals consisting of notes of peony and evening primrose and hints of amber, cashmere and sandstone. This is meant to be a seductive night-time fragrance; a heady accessory to a romantic interlude.

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It was Sweet 15 for Stephanie at Zissles



Mom Sandra with Stephanie left and Cassandra

In Aruba and Latin America, tradition dictates that young ladies reach maturity at the age of 15, rather than 16, and it is an important landmark celebration for the entire family. This is why Sandra Croes, news anchor for Star 22 TV

on Aruba, elected to arrange a festive Sweet 15 for her daughter Stephanie at Zissles, as she could think of no better way to make it a memorable occasion.

Stephanie and her mom, with Oma Sofia and sister



Star 22 crew finds Zissles a great choice for special celebrations.

Kassandra enjoyed a special 3-course menu arranged by Zissles along with aunts, uncles and cousins, as well as being fussed over by the D'Licious performers, on her special day. A fanciful Justin Bieber birthday cake was, well, literally, the frosting on the cake!

Sandra was more than happy with the excellent meal, special attention and singular ambiance of Zissles as the medium to make sure her this day and her daughter received the extraordinary consideration the lovely young lady deserved!

by Rosalie Klein



what every teenage girl wants a Justin Bieber Birthday cake

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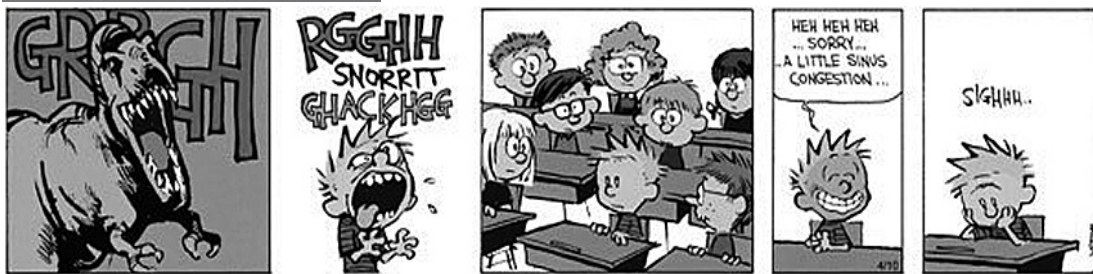
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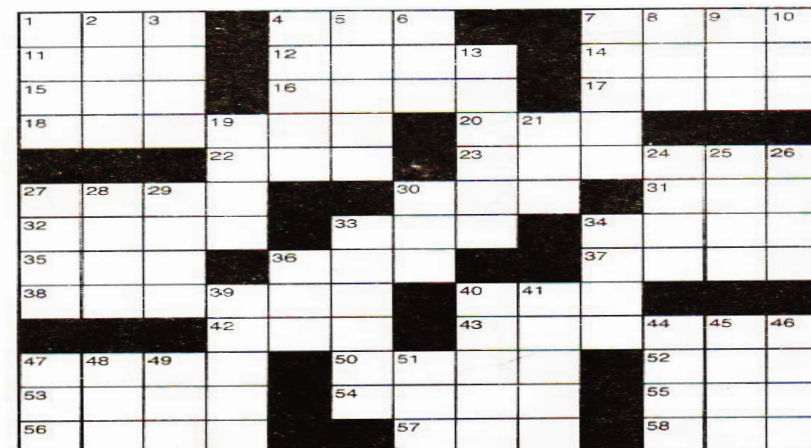
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15. Baseball's Maglie
16. Singer Guthrie
17. Possesses
18. Burning
20. "___ Rita"
22. Slumber site
23. Works without a script
27. Type of apple or cake
30. ___ mode (2 wds.)
31. A Bobbsey Twin
32. 60 minutes
33. Sheep's mom
34. Beige's relative
35. Clear your plate
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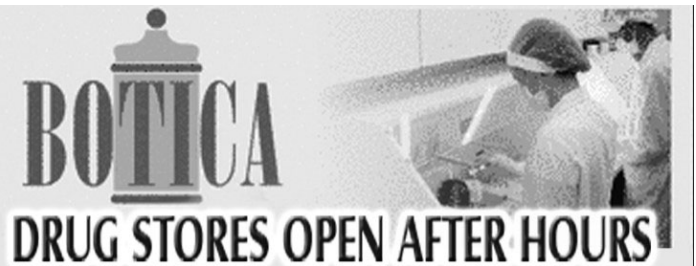
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2. Really thick slice
3. Wishing spot
4. Flabbergast
5. Succeeded
6. Cartoonist Keane ("The Family Circus")
7. Thread holder
8. Use an ax
9. Raggedy ___
10. Liquid measures (abbr.)
13. Group's mood
19. Designation indicating a shortened word
21. Actress Lupino
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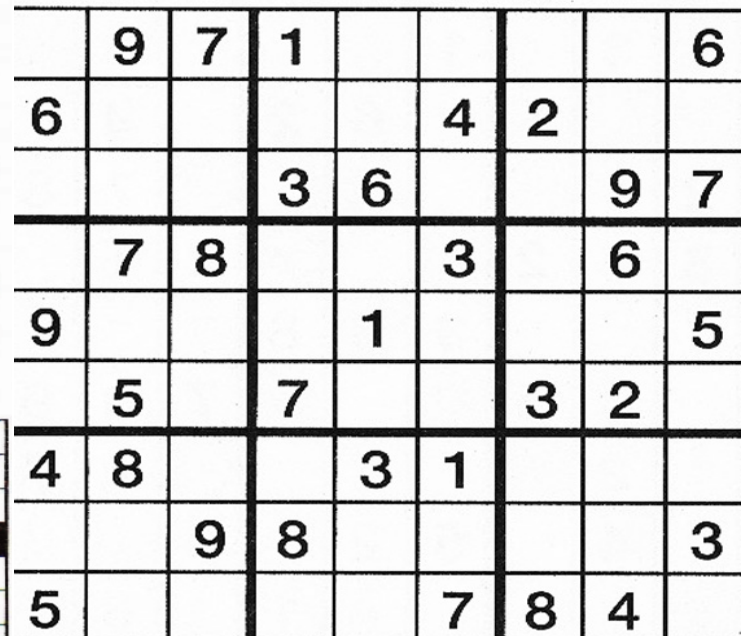
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EU, IMF experts to discuss bailout of Portugal on Tuesday



BRUSSELS (AFP) – Experts from the European Commission, European Central Bank and IMF will visit Lisbon this week for talks on an 80 billion euro bailout for Portugal, a commission spokesman said Sunday.

The mission will lay the groundwork for political-level talks between the so-called "troika" and Portugal's political parties the following week, spokesman Cezary Lewanowicz told AFP.

The experts will meet Tuesday

with Portuguese finance ministry officials to discuss the "technical details" of the plan, worth \$115 billion, Lewanowicz said.

The European Union and IMF offered to save Portugal from a debt crisis on Friday but warned that in return Lisbon would have to implement more public spending cuts, tax rises and far-reaching privatisations.

The commission hopes to meet with all of Portugal's political parties to discuss the rescue programme ahead of snap elections on June 5, Lewanowicz said.

"The goal is to have the strongest possible consensus and a clear commitment, whatever the outcome of the elections," the spokesman said.

The International Monetary Fund said the political-level meeting would take place on April 18.



CARACAS, Venezuela : A woman walks in front of electricity pylons in Caracas, Venezuela, on week-end. The fragility of the Venezuelan power system may reissue this year the energy crisis of 2010, imposing unpopular cuts to the electricity supply.

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President Obama signs spending bill after skirting shutdown

WASHINGTON (AFP) – President Barack Obama has signed into law a temporary spending bill averting a US government shutdown and ending -- for now -- a budget row between the Democrats and their newly empowered Republican foes.

Party leaders clinched the agreement, including \$38.5 billion of extra spending cuts, after intense bargaining, barely an hour before the federal government effectively ran out of money this week-end.

The showdown was just the first bruising engagement in a string of likely clashes between Obama's Democrats and the Republicans, boosted by a new crop of conservative Tea Party movement lawmakers, as the president fires up his 2012

reelection bid.

Obama on Saturday made a surprise visit to the Lincoln Memorial -- among the many national sites that would have closed in a government shutdown -- to briefly talk to tourists.

"I just wanted to say, real quick, that because Congress was able to settle its differences, that's why this place is open today and everybody is able to enjoy their visit," Obama said after bounding up the steps of the memorial honoring America's 16th president.

"And that's the kind of future cooperation I hope we have going forward," he added.

But that might not be the case. Some Republicans are venting frustration at having

not extracted more from Democrats.

"People are angry across the country that we didn't get a better deal," congresswoman Michele Bachmann, a Tea Party favorite, told Fox News, adding that she was likely to vote against a deal for the remaining five months if more spending cuts are not included.

Lawmakers on both sides made clear that the latest battle was an early confrontation in a broader budget war.

And looming is another spending issue, with international implications: Obama's request to raise Washington's ability to borrow. It's an issue that has inflamed Tea Party faithful and has international investors worried about US default.

British, Dutch announce litigation after Icesave 'no' vote

REYKJAVIK, Iceland (AFP) - Britain and The Netherlands said Sunday they would return to the courts to get Iceland to refund them billions of euros after voters there said "no" in a referendum to the reimbursement plan.

Iceland's government insisted it could pay back more than 90 percent of the money lost, despite most voters having rejected a deal to refund 3.9 billion euros (\$5.6 billion) to the two countries, according to partial results.

"Iceland's reserves are more than enough to cover all the payments in the coming years," he added.

A government statement released later Sunday said the referendum result did not effect plans for Landsbanki Islands, the company that operated Icesave, to begin paying refunds to its creditors -- including London and The Hague.

The first payments were expected to begin later this year and would cover nearly a third of the priority claims, the statement added.

Earlier Sunday, Britain and The Netherlands expressed

disappointment at the referendum result and said litigation was the only avenue left.

"It now looks like this process will end up in the courts," Chief Secretary to the Treasury Danny Alexander told BBC television.

"The matter is now in the hands of justice," Dutch Finance Minister Jan Kees de Jager said.

With 70 percent of ballots counted, the "no" vote led with 57.7 percent against 42.3 percent for "yes", a result that has embarrassed Reykjavik after its parliament had approved the plan with a 70 percent majority.

Around 230,000 voters were asked to decide whether to approve repaying Britain and The Netherlands the money they spent on compensating 340,000 of their citizens who lost money on Icesave. The online bank went under at the height of the global financial crisis in 2008.

This deal, the fruit of more than two years of laborious negotiations among the three nations, was considered more favourable to Iceland than a previous accord rejected with

a 93 percent majority in a referendum in early 2010.

It would have allowed Iceland to repay the debt gradually until 2046, at a 3.0 percent interest rate for the 1.3 billion euros it owes The Netherlands; and at a 3.3 percent rate for the remainder owed to Britain.

But that would have come to some 12,000 euros per citizen of the 320,000-strong island nation -- before interest.

Faced with the resounding "no" vote, Britain and The Netherlands said the time for talking was over.

YESTERDAY'S Crossword Answer

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Have you had your breakfast today? The Old Fisherman offers breakfast with an Aruban twist



Linda and Ramon Pimienta with their son Raymond, at right

When Linda and Ramon Pimienta started their small business at the old wharf down town, little did they know that they had a goldmine when it comes to the perfect blend of international and local cuisine. Nowadays, they are located right behind the Royal Plaza Mall where they serve up a storm to visitors and locals alike. What is their secret? Offering high quality dishes at super prizes that fit anyone's budget.

have been with the company for ten years are ready to serve you with a smile.

Besides serving traditional breakfast dishes such as eggs sunny side up with ham and cheese, scrambled or plain they also serve pastechi horna (a small pie pocket with different fillings), crêpes, sweet crêpes and bagels with cream cheese, smoked salmon or boiled eggs.

If you want to really experience the Aruban twist you might want to try something



For ten years The Old Fisherman has been serving local cuisine with an international twist for lunch and dinner and they have managed to stay on top by using high quality fresh ingredients. From their fish cakes with "funchi" (polenta) and "pan

from the local breakfast menu served on pan grandi (rama) or a baguette. You can try the delicious kerrie-kerrie (a typical Aruban flaked fish), conch, fish egg, shrimp, fish fillet, fish cake and the chicken soup or you can have fruit salad and yoghurt.



bati" nicely presented to soup of the day accompanied by delicious desserts.

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Gold Coast Aruba: This is the time to invest

Managers of Gold Coast Aruba, the island's newest and most innovative gated community, report that sales are picking up nicely as the global economy begins to recover and those with a bit of disposal income are looking to invest in a sure thing. Gold Coast Directing Manager Fito Croes has noticed a surprising percentage of owners are barely using the villas or town homes they purchase, but taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready income.

"The greater portion of home owners are using their "home away from home" in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," he remarked, "but I am gratified by how many are buying because they felt secure with real estate investment on Aruba. They really study the history and economy of the island and



town homes, villas and condominiums with a stunning clubhouse complemented by two additional pools decks, one of which has been open for a year, the other will be ready for the holidays 2010. They expect the clubhouse to be ready for the community with a workout room and spectacular facilities by the end of 2011. It will also house a restaurant and mini-market.

Owners who purchased upon the groundbreaking only



are impressed with the political stability and continually increasing value of prime locations. Gold Coast is in the heart of Malmok, considered Aruba's most exclusive community; in this area, the value of properties has only increased over time. It is minutes to the best beaches and all the action, and yet offers a quiet and secluded getaway; we are very pleased by the response to our concept."

Fito, with his sister Mayrin and brother Rudy run Cas Bon, which has been constructing homes and building developments for all budgets for nearly twenty years. "Gold Coast Aruba is the jewel in our crown," observes Fito. "We were very excited about this project; the scope and amenities. We talked to countless island visitors to find out what they would really want in a permanent residence on Aruba, and took from there."

Input from frequent vacationers who dreamed of their own home in Aruba will eventually be a community of 260

a few short years ago, are already enjoying a nearly 50% appreciation on their investment, particularly those taking advantage of the management association's rental service. There is always a great demand for Aruba and facilities such as those at Gold Coast, making it easy for some owners to earn their mortgage payments or others to see an immediate re-



turn on their investment.

The design of the structures is open, airy and spacious, fully deploying the island environment, with the finest quality construction and finish-

ing available. Partnering with two of Aruba's top providers of kitchens and bathrooms enables developers to offer custom options for clients, so buyers can individualize their homes. An elegant and chic standard package is available, or island designers will assist owners in finishing the décor to their specific tastes.

There are many aspects to purchasing property; not the least is the future value of the investment. To further enhance this, Gold Coast managers have inaugurated a number of in-house services and are now negotiating with Interval International to provide a huge international pool for investors to tap for renters either short or long term. Property exchange for a vacation in another destination will also be available. Gold Coast's own rental services have also proven highly successful in assisting owners in renting their villas; 24-hour security and maintenance services also tip the scales when it is time to make a decision. Aside from all this, housekeeping, babysitting and catering services are also available for community members as well as airport pick-up and drop-off and pre-shopping services so cupboards and refrigerators are stocked upon arrival, which can all be arranged through their home management de-

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French director brings swashbuckler to US



Marie de Mézières plays a (Mélanie Thierry), a beautiful young aristocrat, finds herself married to a young prince she does not love.

LOS ANGELES (AFP) — Award-winning French director Bertrand Tavernier says he

became a filmmaker because of his love of American Westerns -- as he visited the home of the classic genre to launch his latest movie.

The 69-year-old, whose romantic swashbuckler "The Princess of Montpensier" is released in the US on April 15, says the golden age of Hollywood cowboy movies filled him with the "physical pleasure" of filmmaking.

"I became a director because of my admiration for westerns like 'She wore a Yellow Ribbon' (1949 by John Ford), '3:10 for Yuma' (1957 by Delmer Daves), 'Bend of the River' (1952, by Anthony Mann) or 'Pursued' (1947 by Raoul Walsh).

"Suddenly I felt again what these directors must have felt, when they filmed cavalcades, landscapes," he told AFP in Beverly Hills. "It was like going back to my roots, to what I felt when I was 15.

Indeed, after his "In the Electric Mist" in 2009, made in the United States with Tommy Lee Jones and John Goodman, the Gallic cinema veteran has returned to his early passions: duels and horses.

"The Princess of Montpen-

sier," starring Lambert Wilson and Melanie Thierry, tells a story of passion and rivalry set against the savage Catholic/Protestant wars that ripped France apart in the 16th century.

"There is one thing I have tried to show very strongly in my latest films," said Tavernier, who has won a number of French Cesar film awards, as well as a BAFTA in Britain for his 1989 movie "Life and Nothing But."

"But the sets were useless. Nobody took any care over the choice of exterior locations. Horse scenes were filmed against sad plains, with no sky. The colors were ugly, horrible to watch," he said.

"The French took a long time to use color. You had to wait for the 1960s and 70s and the new generation .. to finally get films which were magnificently photographed. Before that it was botched, everything was over-lit."

"La Princesse de Montpensier" was presented at last year's Cannes film festival, and the English version was well received when screened at the American Cinematheque in Los Angeles in March.

French rocker booted from Canada stage



The lead singer of France's most successful rock band has been jailed for eight years after beating his girlfriend, actress Marie Trintignant, to death. Cantat has begged Trintignant family for forgiveness.

MONTREAL, Canada (AFP) — A French rock star convicted of killing his girlfriend will not appear in Montreal and Ottawa theatrical productions after his casting provoked a public outcry, the Theatre du Nouveau Monde announced.

Montreal's largest theatre company had invited Bertrand Cantat to appear in three plays by Sophocles directed by Wajdi Mouawad in its 2011-2012 season.

But TNM artistic director Lorraine Pintal told a press conference it would either cancel the shows or present them without Cantat.

This follows a public outcry this week over his casting, in which a government minister also vowed during an election campaign to refuse him entry into Canada if her Conservative Party is returned to power.

Cantat, the former lead singer of the rock band Noir Desir, was sentenced to eight years in jail after he beat his



File photo : Marie Trintignant starred in many French-speaking

girlfriend Marie Trintignant to death in a Lithuanian hotel room in 2003.

He was paroled in 2007.

Theatre du Nouveau Monde had earlier defended its casting choice, saying Cantat paid for his crime.

Snakes on a bus: Argentina nabs wildlife trafficker



BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AFP) — Passengers on a bus in Argentina got an unwelcome surprise when police found more than 600 snakes and other reptiles packed in the luggage compartment, a ranger said

Acting on a tip-off, police intercepted the bus in a northern province bound for Buenos Aires, asked to see passengers' documents, then began poking into their bags.

"A passenger came onboard with 40 snakes, plus what he

had in the boxes" in the bus luggage hold, said ranger Daniel Chersich, warden of Santa Fe province.

Police "were terrified of opening the bags," Chersich, who was investigating a wildlife trafficking network and joined in the operation, told the daily Clarin.

With good reason.

The trafficker had loaded them with 444 boas, vipers and other snakes; 186 endangered tortoises; 40 lizards, and an armadillo.

The smuggler, who was arrested, boarded the bus in Santiago del Estero, where he had spent three months trapping various species in the bush with the intent of selling them, Chersich said.

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Brilliant Vettel wins Malaysian Grand Prix



SEPANG, Malaysia ;Second-placed McLaren-Mercedes driver Jenson Button of Britain (L) sprays champagne on Red Bull-Renault driver Sebastian Vettel of Germany on the podium after the finish of Formula One's Malaysian Grand Prix in Sepang on April 10, 2011. Vettel won the Malaysian Grand Prix with a dominant drive to take an early grip on the Formula One season.

AFP PHOTO

SEPANG, Malaysia (AFP) – World champion Sebastian Vettel dominated the Malaysian Grand Prix on Sunday with a brilliant drive which maintained his perfect start to the season.

The 23-year-old German steered his Red Bull car from pole position to the chequered flag to win ahead of McLaren's Jenson Button, the 2009 champion, and Nick Heidfeld who finished third for Renault.

"In the heat, we kept our heads cool," the jubilant Vettel told the Red Bull crew on his victory lap.

Vettel's second start-to-finish win in two outings this year came despite further problems with Red Bull's faulty Kinetic Energy Regeneration System (KERS) which gave his team-mate Mark Webber a nightmare start.

The Australian dropped from third to 10th before storming back to finish fourth ahead of the Ferraris of Brazilian Felipe Massa and two-time champion Fernando Alonso.

Alonso suffered damage to his car in a late charge for the podium when he collided with the rear of Briton Lewis Hamilton's McLaren, suffering a broken front wing that required a pit stop.

Hamilton, the 2008 champion, looked set for a podium spot but finished seventh after a slow pit stop and a struggle with worn tyres in the closing stages.

The two drivers were both later handed 20-second penalties for the collision, with

Hamilton pushed down into eighth behind Japanese Kamui Kobayashi of Sauber while the punishment did not affect the Spaniard's sixth place.

"It was tough, one of those days for me," said the downcast Briton. "But I have to take it on the chin and get on

with it."

Vettel has now won the season's first two races in Australia and Malaysia -- and five of the last six -- to take charge of the 19-stop championship and establish himself as the outstanding driver of the moment.


Cyclist Van Summeren stuns Paris-Roubaix favourites



ROUBAIX, France (AFP) – Belgian Johan Van Summeren upstaged a host of race favourites to claim the biggest win of his career at a gruelling Paris-Roubaix on Sunday. Van Summeren was among a group of leaders in the finale of the 258 km cobbled classic that was allowed to race ahead as favourites Fabian Cancellara and Thor Hushovd stubbornly neutralised one another.

Cancellara, the defending champion who rides for Leopard, launched a late charge in the closing five kilometres to finish second with Dutchman Maarten Tjallingii of Rabobank finishing third in hot and dusty conditions. By then Van Summeren, known primarily for being one of the most loyal support riders in the peloton, and the tallest at 1.97 metres, was riding into Roubaix's famous outdoor velodrome where he achieved a lifetime dream.

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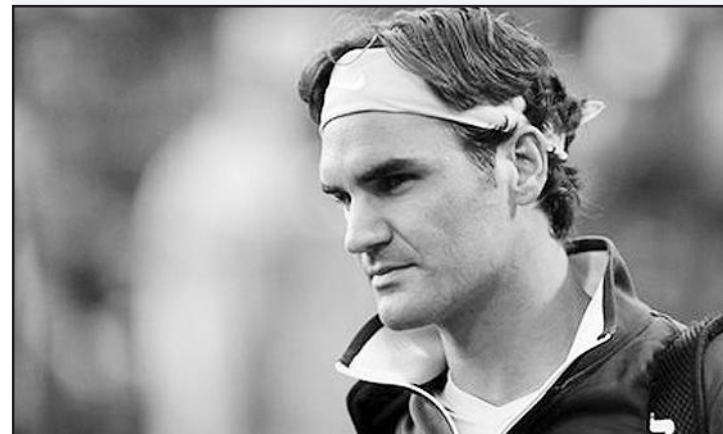
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Confident Federer set to charge onto clay



MONACO, Monte Carlo (AFP) – Roger Federer warned Rafael Nadal that he faced a battle as the Spaniard tries to lift an historic seventh consecutive title on clay at the Monte Carlo Masters.

With play getting underway yesterday with three matches - two Frenchmen went down at the first hurdle - Federer said that he was ready for the transition into the intense pre-French Open run-up which traditionally begins in the post-card-perfect principality.

"It's always a tough surface to try to dominate - except if you're Rafa - let's put it that way," said the Swiss who lost Monte Carlo finals to his rival from 2006-2008. "I feel very strong on the surface. It's the surface I grew up on. Everybody knows that by now."

On court, Latvian Ernests Gulbis produced a minor upset as he knocked out 14th seed Alexandr Dolgoplov of the Ukraine 6-1, 6-4 while veteran Ivan Ljubicic beat Jeremy Chardy of France 6-1, 6-2.

Canadian Milos Raonic, playing his first ATP match on clay, took a momentum-shifting win over French veteran Michael Llodra 6-3, 0-6, 6-0.

With Nadal defending points from all three Masters 1000 events played on the surface plus a fifth Roland Garros

title, the job at hand for the Spaniard is intense.

Federer, by contrast, had a best clay showing a year ago at the Madrid final he lost to Nadal just a few weeks before exiting in the quarter-finals of the grand slam in Paris to Robin Soderling.

"I guess it depends a lot on Rafa," said the Swiss. "If he's able to defend everything he did last year, it's going to be tough for anybody."

But Federer, third in the world behind Nadal and Novak Djokovic, unbeaten this season with 24 wins in 2011 but not playing this week due to a knee injury, still quietly fancies his own chances as the spring season begins.

"I can take a huge step forward if I go really deep here in Monaco, and also in Rome and so forth. Clearly I don't have much to defend at the French and Wimbledon, I'll have some opportunities as well, especially when the slams roll around.

"Sure, I know Rafa has a lot of pressure, but I don't think that matters that much for him, especially on this surface. "He's so confident, he's so good, I definitely could see him doing it again. But there's other guys that have something to say. I hope I'm one of those guys."

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Buster Posey and the San Francisco Giants had something else to celebrate Sunday. After the unfolding of the championship flag before the home opener and the presentation of the World Series championship rings Saturday, Posey was presented with his BBWAA National League Rookie of the Year Award and his Players' Choice Award as the NL Outstanding Rookie, as voted by the players.

Sports tycoon Kroenke set for Arsenal takeover - report

LONDON (AFP) — American sports tycoon Stan Kroenke is set to launch a full takeover of Arsenal after agreeing a deal to increase his majority shareholding in the Premier League club, according to reports on Sunday.

Kroenke already owns 29.9 percent of Arsenal's shares and a BBC report claims he has negotiated the acquisition of the 16.1 percent stake held by Danny Fiszman and Lady Nina Bracewell-Smith's 15.9 percent stake.

If the Denver-based billionaire does manage to buy those shares he would own 62 percent of Arsenal and would be obliged to make an offer for the remaining shares.

The BBC report says Kroenke has agreed to pay £11,000 per share, which

AUGUSTA, Georgia (AFP) — Japanese amateur Hideki Matsuyama completed a heroic week at the Masters on Sunday, doing honor to his country, which is still reeling from the devastating March 11 earthquake and tsunami.

The 19-year-old freshman at Sendai's Fukushi University fired a 74 in the final round to position himself for a possible top-16 finish and an automatic invitation back to Augusta National next year.

Matsuyama was invited this year following his win in the Asian Amateur Championships and he was the only one of six amateurs competing who made it to the weekend, with rounds of 72 and 73, and he fired a 68 on Saturday.

That ensured he would win the Silver Cup that goes yearly to the top finishing non professional and make a visit to the famed Butler Cabin for the green jacket ceremony at



the end of the tournament.

Playing with South Korea's Yang Yong-Eun, the first Asian to win a major from the 2009 PGA Championship, Matsuyama opened with a bogey, but he replied

with a birdie at the next and reached the turn in level 36.

On the back nine, back-to-back bogey fives at the 10th and 11th, two of the toughest holes on the course were followed by a run of six straight pars before he finished in style with a birdie at the last for a 74 and a one-under total of 287.

Matsuyama finished two strokes back off the other Japanese player to make the cut, fellow 19-year-old Ryo Ishikawa, who came in with a closing 70, his best round to date at Augusta for a three-under total of 285.



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Wozniacki wins third title of 2011



CHARLESTON, South Carolina (AFP) – World number one Caroline Wozniacki captured her third title of 2011 Sunday, launching her clay court season with a victory over Elena Vesnina in the Family Circle Cup final.

The top-seeded Dane defeated Vesnina 6-2, 6-3 to add the title to those she won at Dubai and Indian Wells, California, and admitted the triumph on Charleston's green clay had her looking ahead to the red clay of Roland Garros.

"I feel confident and I know I can win a Slam," said

Wozniacki, who has climbed to number one without triumphing in one of tennis' four major championships.

"It's all about getting everything together," added Wozniacki, whose best Grand Slam finish was runner-up at the 2009 US Open.

She had a match point against Li Na but eventually fell to the Chinese player in the semi-finals of this year's Australian Open.

"The draw has to fit, I have to play well for two weeks, things like that all have to work together," Wozniacki said.

Masters going down to wire



Adam Scott

AUGUSTA, Ga. -- Tiger Woods had all the familiar body language from his glory days.

Fist pumps. A swag of the shoulders. The shuffle step to collect the ball out of the cup.

Tiger Woods came from seven strokes down at the start of the Masters' final round to tie for the lead after nine holes.

Woods finished with a 5 under 67 to tie for the clubhouse lead at 10 under with Geoff Ogilvy and Luke Donald.

Adam Scott and Charl Schwartzel were at 12 under after 16 holes.

Scott seized the outright lead for the first time with an 8-foot birdie putt at the 14th. But it was still far too early to claim the title, not on a day when seven players had held at least a share of the lead. Scott was at 11 under, with eight players within two strokes of the lead.

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McIlroy gave up the lead with a triple-bogey at the 10th hole. After leading for three rounds, the 21-year-old got off to a shaky start, making the turn at 1-over 37. Still, he had a one-shot lead as he stepped to the 10th tee.

That's where it all unraveled. He pulled his tee shot into the trees left of the fairway, and the ball apparently ricocheted between two of the club's famous cabins. McIlroy had no choice but to punch it back out, but he still had a long shot to the green.

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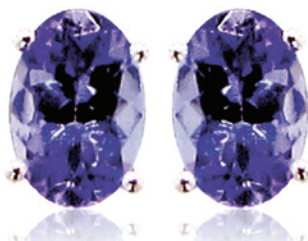


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